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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO G-77 PAPER ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE THE TEXTS OF THE EC-9 AND JAPANESE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE G-77 POSITION PAPER ON FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

QUOTE:

V. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. THE SOLUTION TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS LIES PRIMARILY IN
INCREASING RAPIDLY FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
TO THIS END, URGENT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION
AND TRADE STRUCTURES.

2. TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO INCREASE THE VOLUME
OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR AGRICULTURE
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AND FOOD PRODUCTION, TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS

FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING FOOD PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BOTH IN RAW AND PROCESSED FORM, AND TO ADOPT ALL OTHER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT MEASURES.

3. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO ATTAIN A MINIMUM AID TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS OF GRAINS SET FOR 1975-76 AND ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID ON A MEDIUM-TERM BASIS.

4. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THE GRANT COMPONENT OF FOOD AID AND PROVIDE A MORE SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF FOOD AID THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. IN PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE FOOD-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SO THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE TAKE THE FORM OF PURCHASE FROM THE FOOD-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE FOOD GRAINS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON SOFT TERMS TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THEIR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR PRECARIOUS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS POSITIONS. DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO MAKE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AID ON SOFT TERMS, IN CASH AND KIND, THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, TO ENABLE THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN 1 MILLION TONS OF PLANT-NUTRIENTS DURING 1975-76.

8. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A WORLD FERTILIZER POLICY WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING ADEQUATE AND REGULAR SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS AND OTHER INPUTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AND PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR FERTILIZERS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL INPUT INDUSTRIES.

9. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A
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POSITION TO DO SO, SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

10. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO BUILD UP AND MAINTAIN FOOD GRAIN RESERVES UNDER THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO

ENABLE THEM TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN THEIR SHARES OF SUCH RESERVES.

11. DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION*L

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PARA.5 PARAGRAPH 5 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION
TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE FOOD GRAINS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
ON SOFT TERMS TO THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, TO
ENABLE THEM TO MEET THEIR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RE-
QUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR PRECARIOUS BALANCE-
OF-PAYMENT POSITION. DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE
AID ON SOFT TERMS, IN CASH AND KIND, THROUGH BILATERAL AND

MULTILATERAL CHANNELS TO ENABLE THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES (BEGIN UNDERLINE) TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY QUANTITY OF PLANT NUTRIENTS." (END UNDERLINE)#

#(THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA.46 OF THE REPORT OF THE WFC COUNCIL (DOC. 5708): "THE COUNCIL NOTED THAT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MSA COUNTRIES WOULD MANAGE TO IMPORT COMMERCIALLY THE SAME VOLUME IN 1975/1976 AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THEIR ANTICIPATED GAP BETWEEN REQUIREMENTS AND IMPORTS COULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT 1 MILLION TONS OF PLANT NUTRIENTS.")

PARA.6 QUESTIONS:

WHAT SORT OF "PRECISE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND CONTROLS" DO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ENVISAGE IN THIS PARAGRAPH? DO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT TO PROHIBIT THE PRO-
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DUCTION OF SURPLUSES?
WHAT ARE THE "DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES WHICH PRESENTLY CAUSE UNDUE FLUCTUATIONS OF MARKET PRICES?"

NEW FORMULATION SUGGESTED:

"DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD IN CHANNELING BOTH THEIR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FOOD AID TAKE INTO DUE ACCOUNT THE NORMAL COMMERCIAL MARKET PRACTICES AND PREVENT DISRUPTIVE PRACTICES WHICH CAUSE UNDUE FLUCTUATIONS OF MARKET PRICES.

IN ORDER THAT SUCH AID SHOULD, TO THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, CORRESPOND TO AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM"

PARA.7 FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY, THE PARAGRAPH COULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SENTENCES, PUTTING A FULL STOP IN THE FOURTH LINE AFTER THE WORDS "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". THE SECOND SENTENCE WOULD READ: "ON THE BASIS OF SUCH AN ASSESSMENT, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AND THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO CONCENTRATE RESOURCES FOR THE RAPID INCREASE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

THE COMMUNITY INTERPRETS THIS PARAGRAPH AS REFERRING FIRST TO THE NEED TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH GREATEST POTENTIAL, AND SECONDLY TO THE NEED TO EXAMINE HOW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN GENERAL CAN BEST BE RAPIDLY INCREASED IN EACH INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPING COUNTRY. THE PRESENT TEXT IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS. THIS IDEA COULD PERHAPS BE BROUGHT OUT MORE CLEARLY BY

AMENDING THE SECOND SENTENCE AS ABOVE.

PARA.8 REWORD THE PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

"ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ADOPT INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY
POLICIES AIMED AT ENSURING A STABLE SUPPLY AND SUFFICIENT
QUANTITY OF FERTILIZERS AND OTHER PRODUCTION INPUTS AT
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POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE IN PARTICULAR,
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MECHANISM PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
FERTILIZERS SUPPLY SCHEME".

PARA.9 THE IFAD WILL BE THE OBJECT OF DELIBERATIONS
OF THE EEC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN OCTOBER. A MORE FLEXIBLE
TEXT COULD PERHAPS BE DRAFTED, RETAINING THE SENSE OF RES.XIII
OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. THE COMMUNITY, , WOULD
NOT BE IN A POSITION TO INDICATE MORE PRECISELY ITS VIEWS AT
THIS STAGE. THE PRESENT WORDING, HOWEVER, GIVES US DIFFICULTIES.
(IF REQUESTED, THE COMMUNITY CAN PRODUCE AN AMENDMENT OF
THIS SORT: "DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A
POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ----").

PARA.10 THIS IS A DELICATE MATTER, INASMUCH AS THE
COMMUNITY WISHES TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, IN
VIEW OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE COMMUNITY WILL STICK TO THE COMMITMENTS ACCEPTED
AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

THE PARAGRAPH, (BEGIN UNDERLINE) MERGED WITH PARA.11,
(END UNDERLINE) SHOULD BE REWORDED AS FOLLOWS:

"1. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND TO THE ARRANGEMENTS
FORMULATED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF FAO AND COOPERATE IN THE IM-
PLEMENTATION OF THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES CON-
TAINED IN THAT UNDERTAKING.
2. THESE POLICIES SHOULD INCLUDE MEASURES ON FOOD
STOCKS WHICH HAVE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO UNFORESEEN
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
3. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A
POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT THEY CAN FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT
NATIONAL STOCKPILING POLICIES."
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